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- 1. FOLLOWING EXCERPTS FROM FEBRUARY 17, 1975 NEW YORK TIMES ARTICLE ENTITLED "KISSINGER MEETS GROMYKO TO TALK ABOUT RELATIONS: PROPOSALS ON ARMS CONTROL AND CRYPRUS ARE ONLIST AT GENEVA SESSION," DATELINED FEBRUARY 16, GENEVA, ARE BEING SENT FYI.
- 2. BEGIN EXCERPTS: "NEWSMEN ABOARD MR. KISSINGER'S AIR FORCE 707 WERE GIVEN A RUNDOWN ON CERTAIN ASPECTS OF CURRENT SOVIET-AMERICAN RELATIONS THAT THE TWO MEN WERE DUE TO DISCUSS....NEGOTIATIONS HAVE RESUMED IN MOSCOW ON PUTTING INTO EFFECT THE PEACEFUL-EXPLOSIONS ASPECT OF THE TREATY BANNING UNDERGROUND NUCLEAR EXPLOSIONS ABOVE THE FORCE OF 150 KILOTONS--OR THE FORCE OF 150,000 TONS OF TNT--EXCEPT FOR CERTAIN PEACEFUL EXPLOSIONS THAT HAVE TO BE AGREED UPON. THE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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UNITED STATES IS SUBMITTING NEW PROPOSALS TO THE RUSSIANS

ON MAKING SURE THAT THESE EXPLOSIONS ARE NOT IN FACT MILITARY TESTS; ONE METHOD WOULD BE TO SET OFF A SERIES OF EXPLOSIONS OF NUCLEAR DEVICES WHOSE TOTAL WOULD BE ABOVE 150 KILOTONS, RATHER THAN JUST ONE LARGE DEVICE." END EXCERPTS. INGERSOLL

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